



LAWRENCE POND (Sandwich)

General Information:

This 138-acre pond has an average depth of 15 feet and a maximum depth of 27 feet. Transparency is very good, extending to 16 feet, and aquatic vegetation is scarce. The bottom is composed of sand and gravel.

The pond is located about 2 miles south of the junction of Route 6 and Chase Road. Access is provided by a right-of-way off of Great Hill Road at the southeastern corner of the pond. Canoes and car top boats can be launched here. The solid bottom is also excellent for wading. With no formal parking lot available, anglers must park along the shoulder of the road.

The pond was treated with limestone in 1986 and 1991 to counteract the effects of acid rain. It was reclaimed in 1958, but has not been stocked with trout due to the lack of coldwater habitat.

Fish Populations:

The last major survey of this pond was conducted in 1982, at which time seven species were recorded present: largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, yellow perch, brown bullhead, pumpkinseed and killifish. Small yellow perch (4 to 5 inches) were the most abundant fish in the pond at that time.

Fishing:

This pond was known to support healthy populations of both largemouth and smallmouth bass even before it was treated to counteract increasing acidity. Although growth and production was undoubtedly declining, it produced at least a few good-sized bass every year. Pickerel, while not abundant, were also present in harvestable sizes. With the treatment of the pond with limestone, it is expected that growth rate for all species (including the yellow perch) will improve; hence this may become a significantly better fishery for both game and panfish that it has been in the recent past.

For bass, try casting small jigs, sinking crankbaits and spinnerbaits in light colors to any visible structure, and also along the channel between the southern points. Except at sunrise, sunset or during the hours of darkness, most legal bass will be at depths of 10 to 25 feet. The eastern points often hold pickerel, particularly around the limited patches of aquatic vegetation.

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